

## **CRISIS NURSERY INITIATIVES**

Crisis care facilities provide short-term emergency shelter services for children, ages birth to 18 years, whose families are experiencing a crisis situation in which the children are at risk of abuse or neglect. Parents and guardians may bring their children to the facilities for care, where they are provided developmental screenings, counseling, and other ancillary services. There is a 30-day limit, per child, per rolling calendar year for parents or guardians utilizing this crisis service. Fourteen sites throughout the state were operational in SFY-04. The fourteen sites are: Annie Malone, St. Louis; Child Abuse and Neglect Emergency, Columbia; Family Counseling Center, Kennett; Missouri Baptist Children's Home, Bridgeton; Presbyterian Children's Services, St. Louis; Saint Louis Crisis Nursery, St. Louis; Synergy Services, Parkville; Salvation Army Children's Shelter, Kansas City; Youth In Need, St. Charles; Children's Haven of SWMO (Southwest Missouri), Joplin; Epworth Children's & Family Services, Webster Groves; Faith House, St. Louis; Lutheran Family & Children Services, St. Louis; Marygrove, St. Louis.

The Crisis Nursery program remains a vital service, which is reflected by the number of participating facilities and number of children served. The program aims to provide emergency shelter for children and families who are experiencing a crisis situation in which the children are at risk of abuse or neglect.